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Classified By: AMBASSADOR TINA KAIDANOW FOR REASONS 1.4 (B) AND (D)

11. (C) Mr. Vice President: You last saw the President and Prime Minister of Kosovo in Washington during their first meetings with the new Admi
12. (C) As Kosovo's leaders told you then, they have emerged at the end of a long and arduous journey with independence achieved, but many seri
13. (C) The need to deal with the flow of problems stemming from Belgrade's policy has cost us and the Kosovars. It opens the Kosovo leadership
14. (C) With close to 2000 EULEX police, justice and customs functionaries in Kosovo, the European Union should have an overriding interest in
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abandoned any attempt at real leadership to push for concessions. We can already sense a strong degree of "Kosovo-fatigue" among our European c
15. (C) In the economic realm, Kosovo must find a way to deal with its moribund and budget-consuming energy sector if it is to attract investme
16. (C) All this, without question, makes continuing American leadership and support to Kosovo that much more imperative, in every sense possib
17. (C) Kosovo is, thus far, a success story. Still, any of the factors we have enumerated -- continued Serbian pressure, counter-productive re
18. (C) But the quid pro quo, and one we must insist on with increased frequency and volume, is an acceptance of Kosovo's own responsibilities